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By HAROLD COOKE PHILLIPS

The cross was foolishness to the Greeks because it made shipwreck of their intellectual pride, which limited the interest of the gods to the wise, the intellectual aristocrats, but withheld it from the simple-minded. It said to the Greeks: "The foolishness of God is wiser than men."

But more than that—the love of God in Christ forces us to re-appraise, not only our moral, self-righteous pride and our intellectual pride, but also our pride of achievements, boastful pride. "Such boasting as the Gentiles use." For in the presence of the cross, this symbol of the love of God, and of what God accomplished there for man, we realize not only how little at best are our achievements; we realize also that whatever we may be able to accomplish of genuine and lasting significance is done not by might, nor by power, but by His spirit—"that every good and perfect gift is from above,"

And every virtue we possess,
And every victory won,
And every thought of holiness
Are His alone.

Herein is love—not egocentric love, the love of self-interest, not the love of desire or love based on merit—herein is Christian love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son; the love of resolute, active, creative good will. "This is my commandment, that ye love one another even as I have loved you." "Even as I have loved you."

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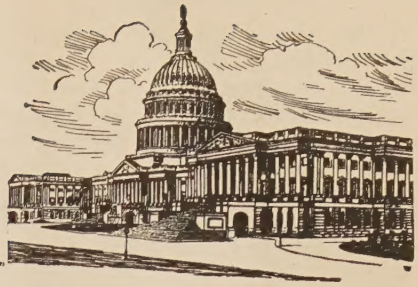

Northern Baptist Convention

BY MIKE ELLIOTT

The Northern Baptist Convention registered its disapproval of the political maneuvering of reactionary and pressure groups before and during the sessions of the Convention.

A minority pressure group forced the elimination of A. J. Muste from the program which had been approved by the General Council. This same pressure group came to the Convention thoroughly organized to control all committees and appointments to boards.

Delegates voiced their disapproval of these tactics in their election to leadership, and in their approval of the Convention Resolutions which embodied some of the most progressive and forward-looking paragraphs ever approved by a Northern Baptist Convention.

Northern Baptists are seriously concerned about the condition of the world and they frown upon those who year after year seek to throw the sessions into destructive controversy. The words spoken at Cleveland and the action taken will hearten the Nation and the people of the world who certainly were looking to the Convention for some word of encouragement and hope. Words and action went out via newspaper and radio to a waiting world. Stanley Stuber and M. E. McIntosh did a grand job in preliminary arrangements. Dr. Walter Van Kirk, Dr. Francis Stifler, Governor Harold Stassen, Dr. D. R. Sharpe, correspondents for the various news services, and the men assigned by Cleveland newspapers, announced to waiting thousands the determination of Northern Baptists to grapple with denominational and world problems in a manner courageous and constructive.

Robbins Is President

In the election of Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, of Newton Centre, Massachusetts, as President the Convention may look forward to emphasis on Missions, Evangelism and matters concerned with the war and the post-war period. It was a tribute to a great man with a world vision and a heart of understanding.

Resolutions

Resolutions approved by the delegates saved the Convention from being more or less mediocre. These resolutions embodied the high moral and social ideals of the constituency. Heretofore Convention Resolutions have been passed as a matter of fact but this year they brought to a climax the thought and desire of delegates to face contemporary issues and to dig deep into the tragic issues of mankind.

Dr. W. A. Elliott, retiring president, set the stage for the resolutions in his magnificent presidential address. No man has ever served as president who surrenders the honor with a greater degree of love and respect. He truly represents the higher ideals and aspirations of Northern Baptists. No man has served under more trying circumstances. His work as President brought glory to the Baptist cause everywhere.

Since the Resolutions embodied the fundamental thought of the delegates the high lights are presented below. These Resolutions should be adopted as the basis of action in every Northern Baptist Church during the coming year.

Resolution High Lights

Denominational Program

Churches urged to make Evangelism primary giving it a "prominent place in their thinking and planning." Missions must be strengthened and the work enlarged. Financial objectives should be reached through wise planning and sacrifice. Every church should enter the Retiring Pension Plan. Ministry to men in the armed services offers great opportunity. Denominational meetings must be held regardless of war conditions. Our denominational literature is essential to every Baptist home as mediums of information for days like these.

Defense of Spiritual Freedom

Uphold the doctrine of the "separation of church and state." Taxing of churches and diversion of funds to sectarian use by the state is protested. Continued protection of Conscientious objectors. Extend gospel freedom to all the world. Familiarize the people with the Bill of Rights.

Moral Issues

Gambling condemned. The moral health of men in the service must be preserved. Protection of the American home. Stand for the observance of the Lord's Day. Strongly condemns use of alcoholic liquor and calls on the government to declare a "state of emergency, and to forbid manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors except for medicinal and scientific purposes for the duration of the war."

Social Issues

Demand justice for Japanese evacuees ($50,000 provided in budget for work in this area). Condemns race superiority. Calls on the government to send food to starving millions in Europe. "An active interest in and sympathetic approach to the labor question," was urged.

International Relations

Reaffirms opposition to war but gives full support to the government as long as conscience is not nullified. Stands for the spirit of love and good will among nations. Condemns possible political and economic domination in the post-war period by a few powerful nations. Calls for:

Political justice and liberty for every person in the world.
Economic and social justice for every person in the world.
Equality of opportunity to develop his own skill and abilities for every person in the world.
Freedom of speech and freedom of worship for every person in the world.
Equitable access to the raw materials of the earth for all groups in the world.

Greetings are sent to "our brethren in Christ who live under the domination of the Axis Powers."

Board of Education

A three year campaign will be launched by the Board of Education. The first year will be a year of preparation. The final two years will find the Colleges and Seminaries out in the field raising funds under the direction of a national organization which successfully led the Presbyterians in a drive for funds for their Schools and Seminaries.

M and M Board

The Minister's and Missionaries Board continues its effort to bring all churches of the Northern Baptist Convention into the Retiring Pension Plan for ministers. This effort has met with great success up to the present under the leadership of Dr. Forrest Ashbrook, secretary of the M & M Board.

Mrs. Leslie Swain assumes the presidency of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, succeeding Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith. Mrs. Howard S. Palmer, Connecticut, is the new president of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, Chicago becomes Home Base Secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Merger Postponed

Without preliminary announcement a special committee appointed to study the possible merger of the Home Mission Societies, recommended through Dr. Albert W. Beaven that the proposal be gain postponed due to war conditions and election of new officers of one of the Boards.

Twenty one new missionaries were presented by the Home and Foreign Societies.

Considerable sentiment prevailed among the delegates to send a strongly worded resolution to the Southern Baptist Convention protesting the invasion of Northern Baptist territory. The Southern Baptist Convention, disregarding the wishes of leadership, voted to receive 31 churches and 3000 members from Southern California. No resolution was brought to the floor in Cleveland but the General Council will confer with Southern Baptist officials about the matter.

Other Officers

Other national officers elected were: Dr. Ralph Walker, Portland, Oregon, First Vice President; Mrs. O. R. Judd, Brooklyn, New York, Second Vice President; Dr. C. M. Gallup, New York, Recording Secretary; Dr. J. C. Hazen, Summit, New Jersey, Corresponding Secretary, and H. J. Manson, Brooklyn, New York, Treasurer.

Denver In 1943

Denver, Colorado was chosen as the Convention city in 1943. Kansas City, will be the meeting place in 1944—a joint session with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Unified Budget

Both the Unified Budget and the World Emergency Fund were raised in full, the Budget for next year totals $2,614,300. The World Emergency Relief Fund will be continued with a total goal of $600,000. In addition $250,000 will be raised as an Extension Fund for the building of new churches.

Cleveland and Dr. D. R. Sharpe

Cleveland has always been an ideal convention city. Baptists of the city under the leadership of Dr. D. R. Sharpe made every possible provision for the entertainment of the delegates. In addition Dr. Sharpe wrote and directed a thrilling pageant which emphasised religious liberty. Thousands saw the pageant with its cast of 1500. Dr. Sharpe stood out in the Convention as a brilliant student of world affairs. His interpretation of the principles of religious liberty through the pageant, and his remarks on the platform of the Convention, stirred the delegates more perhaps than any other feature.

Resolution of General Council on Southern California Problem

In view of the action taken at the recent Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Texas, by vote, in accepting into membership a certain association of 31 Baptist churches in California which is Northern Baptist Convention territory, the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention has viewed with grave concern such action by the Southern Baptist Convention and has appointed a special committee consisting of Judge E. J. Millington, Dr. Carlton W. Atwater, and President Charles W. Koller to consider the entire situation. The Council has likewise requested the appointment by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention of a similar committee in order to discover an enduring basis of mutual integrity, good will and cooperation.

Three-Fold Mission

New York—A three-fold missionary, world relief, and church extension campaign, will constitute the program of the Northern Baptist Convention for 1942-43, officials of the denomination said Tuesday on their return from the annual meeting held in Cleveland.

Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, formerly foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, with headquarters here, is the new national president.

Church Extension Plans

A new world emergency fund of $600,000 has been adopted for relief purposes. Northern Baptists went over the goal for the same amount last year, under the leadership of Dr. Earl Frederick Adams, general director of finance and promotion.

The unified missionary budget of the million and a half Northern Baptists has been increased to $2,614,300. This represents projects both on home and foreign fields.

A new Church Extension campaign of $250,000 has been added as an "over and above" item to the budget. This sum will provide for new church building in city areas, especially new developments in surburbs, in the post-war period. Plans, programs and equipment are being worked out now.

World Relief Projects

The second year of the World Emergency Fund will provide $150,000 for Christian ministry to men in Service and Defense areas; $40,000 for aged ministers and missionaries; $160,000 for world relief; $100,000 for foreign mission needs; $50,000 for schools and colleges; $50,000 for Christian ministry to Japanese evacuees on the West Coast; and $50,000 for unforeseen emergencies.

The Council on Finance and Promotion, with headquarters here at 152 Madison Avenue, has been given the responsibility of raising all three funds.

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I'd Like to Plant a Tree

When I think about the folks
That planted lovely trees
Whose branches look so graceful
Swaying in the breeze
It always makes me feel that I
Would like to plant one, too.
I'd like to add some loveliness
To this world! Wouldn't you?

—Grace T. Bloxham
Story World

TO THE STARS THE HARD WAY

BY MIKE ELLIOTT

(Distributed to delegates of the Northern Baptist Convention prior to the opening of the Convention)

The theme of the 1942 Northern Baptist Convention is, "A Ministering Church in a Stricken World." This theme, if followed in the action of the Convention, will mean the elimination of all cliques, special interest groups, and denominational politics.

It means realistic thinking, hard work, and a sacrificial spirit. It means that Northern Baptists will take decisive action, face issues squarely and dispose of them courageously. It means that Northern Baptists will re-live the motto and ideal of a great state: "To the Stars the Hard Way." Only in the hard way can Northern Baptists speak the word which truly represents the fundamental thought of American Baptists.

No Baptist group has yet spoken in 1942 the word that interprets the basic spirit of American Baptists. American Baptists believe in freedom. They believe in Freedom of Conscience, Freedom of Worship, Freedom of Expression, Freedom from Injustice of every kind. The world awaits word from some Baptist group—action from some Baptist group—on the four Freedoms.

The Christian churches of America surely will recognize this moment as the supreme moment for measuring up to the demand of Christ. Christian churches must take decisive action at once. It will make little difference who wins the war unless the Christian churches strike and strike hard, making sure that rank paganism will not be in the saddle when the war comes to an end. It is up to the Christian forces to say and say now whether they intend to lead the way to God, or whether they intend by inaction, evasion and cowardice to turn the world over to paganism. It is paganism whether the Allied Nations win, or whether the Axis Nations win unless Christian leadership immediately challenges and takes the offensive.

Maneuvering for position and power should have no place in Cleveland. If the Convention spends its time quibbling. If it divides itself into fundamentalists and liberals. If it centers its attention on anything save, "Ministering to a Stricken World," it deserves to be, and will be judged as a Convention that met, fiddled while Rome burned, and adjourned.

The Program Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention has provided the opportunity for decisive and courageous action. If the magnificent ideals underlying this program are scuttled by fussing and fuming about matters that are irrelevant, Northern Baptists will classify themselves as among those who simply do not count in the group of spiritual leaders now demanded by a world which God is desparately attempting to drag from the pits of hell.

The precious blood of gallant American men and women is being spilled in our defense. Our Christian friends in other lands are in the "valley of the shadow"—many never to return. They are doing this for us. They are paying a great price for our deliverance. Are we in our decisions determined to measure up to their sacrifices —and their expectations of us?

The magnificent response of the plain Baptists of the Northern Baptist Convention to the World Emergency Relief Fund is a bright star on the denominational flag. It expresses more than anything we have done the past year the major interest of the rank and file. It is evidence that the people are "world minded" and not provincial. The hearts of Northern Baptists are burning for every last man and woman in this world. Success the past year evidences the progressive spirit of the people. They are not reactionary. They will support any action based on the proposition that Northern Baptists are in a world business—a business of service—and it makes no difference to the rank and file whether there is total and absolute agreement on policy, or doctrine. The World Emergency Relief Fund for the next year should be increased to $1,000,000. Such an amount can and should be raised. If the members of all the Baptist churches in the Northern Baptist Convention could be in Cleveland and would express their convictions nothing less than a million dollar relief would satisfy them.

What will our word be to the Nation in the present crisis? Is this war a "war of survival?" Is Christianity at stake? It is our solemn duty to say to the Government of the United States that as citizens of the state we "render unto Caesar that which belongs to Caesar" but that as citizens of the Kingdom of God we stand as the Judge of the State. We must declare that God has priorities which are not limited by time. (1) God has priority in His Sovereignty and Authority. (2) God has priority upon our Time. (3) God has priority upon our Money, and His Kingdom has first claim upon our money. (4) God has priority in Organizations. In war or in peace the Church stands above all other organizations. (5) God has priority upon our Affections.

What will we say about Missions? Is not this the year to launch a new offensive in world missions? Are we courageous enough to merge our Mission Boards for more effective service. If we do merge will we launch a comprehensive program—war or no war? It is in the time of upheaval that men prove themselves. Are we determined to take decisive action and then go back to our churches with a program for Home and Foreign Missions that means the storming of every occupied and unoccupied spot in this world?

What about our Baptist schools? Is it possible that Northern Baptists will continue to permit the closing, or losing, of more of our insitutions? Are we determined to go out of the business of Christian Education?

What are we going to do about rural America? Do we intend to let the fanatical groups capture the rural areas?

Now is the moment to speak a word to Organized Labor. We cannot escape this obligation without dire consequences. Are we wise enough now to correct the mistake of the past and take some action that will convince Organized Labor that Baptists are their sincere friends interested in their souls, and also in their worthy aspirations?

Will we speak the word that will send our noble City Secretaries back to their posts heartened and encouraged to face unprecedented and tremendous problems?

How do we stand on the question of Evangelism? Does Evangelism count today? Is this hour our vital hour in pressing the claims of Christ? What kind of a program will we inaugurate? Will we work at it when we get back home?

Is our cooperation with other Christian bodies to be strengthened or weakened? Is it possible that any Northern Baptist believes that we are able to meet the tragedy of our time without joining hands sincerely and aggressively with other Christian groups at home and abroad?

The Democratic process should be at its best in Cleveland. We have an opportunity to prove the validity of our claim that we are a pure Democracy. Issues should be decided upon the basis of their effect on a contemporary world—decided on the platform and in the forum with opportunity for all to speak as free men. If through earnest prayer we seek the guidance of the Spirit, debate will be illuminating and dynamic and we will arrive at conclusions unanimously. Any effort to create confusion or inject minor issues will thus fail under the pressure of a Convention mind directed by the Spirit of God, and Democratic processes.

The 1942 Northern Baptist Convention will commit itself on the above issues, and all others that concern the welfare of humanity in this dark hour. What will the commitment be? How will it be worded? What action will it demand? What will the world say about it? What will God say about it? The positive, dynamic and aggresive decisions of the 1942 Convention should make the headlines of every newspaper, magazine and radio in the United States. In the name of Christ who suffered and died at the hands of madmen let Northern Baptists go to extremes this year if necessary to convince the world that they will not tolerate the enslavement of humanity—for madmen are again attempting to crucify and enslave.

Will we "Minister to a Stricken World?"
Will we "Reach the Stars the Hard Way?"

Southern Baptist Convention

BY WALTER M. GILMORE

"Out of debt for a world program" might well express the key note of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has just closed (May 20) in the city of San Antonio, Texas, one of its most notable sessions since it was organized in 1845. The dominant thought running through every session of the Convention was that we must pay all our debts at the earliest possible moment that we may be in a position to meet successfully the challenging and unparalleled opportunities and responsibilities immediately ahead of us. In other words, this Convention was characterized by its world outlook and program.

In spite of the fact that San Antonio is far from the center of the Convention's territory and all the inhabitions imposed by the present national crisis, the attendance taxed the capacity of the city auditorium, seating 7,000 people, at nearly every meeting. Even the last session, which usually peters out, the auditorium was comfortably filled to hear a masterly address by former Governor Pat M. Neff in a ringing patriotic message on "America in the Present World Situation."

Dr. Neff, who is the newly elected president of the Convention for the ensuing year, is president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, which is said to be the largest Baptist college in the world. He is a past president of the General Baptist Convention of Texas and is recognized as one of the outstanding laymen of this country. No man in the South perhaps, has the confidence and esteem of Southern Baptists more than he. He was elected unanimously and heartily without any opposition. He is the first layman to fill this high office since Hon. Joshua Levering yielded up the gavel in Baltimore in 1910.

To serve with President Neff, Dr. J. Dean Crain, Greenville, South Carolina, and Rev. R. E. Guy, Jackson, Tennessee, were elected first and second vice presidents. Dr. Hight C. Moore, Editorial Secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and J. Henry Burnett, Hendersonville, North Carolina, were reelected Recording Secretaries, Dr. Moore for the thirtieth time and Mr. Burnett for the twenty-sixth time.

The next session of the Convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, beginning on Wednesday, May 12, 1943. The brethren did not seem to like the arrangement this year of beginning on Saturday and so they changed back to the old time. Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of Southside Baptist Church Birmingham, Alabama, was elected to preach the annual Convention sermon, with Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, as his alternate.

High Spots

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, of the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, sounded a high spiritual note in his opening devotional talk on "Jesus Presence at This Convention," which caught fire in all minds and hearts and set the pace for the whole Convention.

President W. W. Hamilton's address on "Southern Baptists Plead for Christian Unity" was a masterpiece, and, on motion, was adopted as the expression of the Convention on this timely subject. The Convention sermon by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, First Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on "All Things Must Needs Be Fulfilled" (Luke 22:44) reached high water mark and made a profound impression.

Two New Seminary Presidents

Never before in the history of the world did the presidents of our two Theological Seminaries resign at the same time and their successors elected at the same Convention. Dr. John R. Sampey, who has been connected with the Southern Seminary at Louisville for sixty years, for the past twelve as president, announced through the papers a short time ago his resignation, and so did President L. R. Scarborough, of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, who has been president of this institution for thirty-seven years. The Board of Trustees in session here in San Antonio elected Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Atlanta, as president of the Southern Seminary, with Dr. Sampey as *emeritus* president. The Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Seminary, with equal unanimity, elected Dr. E. D. Head, pastor of the First Church of Houston, Texas, as president of that institution. The election of these two highly esteemed and thoroughly qualified brethren to these most strategic positions gives universal satisfaction, so far as we were able to learn. In the case of both elections there was perfect agreement.

A Democratic Meeting

The charge has been made frequently that the Southern Baptist Convention is no longer a deliberative body. Certainly that charge could not be made against this session of the Convention. There was the greatest messenger participation in all the discussions this time that the writer has ever seen at a convention. Literally scores of people took part in the discussions, and we had some pretty hot ones, but all in perfectly good humor. Brethren differed about certain principles and policies, but they did not lose their heads.

California Received

At the Convention in Birmingham last year application was made by a group of California churches to be received into the Convention. A committee was appointed of which Dr. Arthur J. Barton, Nashville, was chairman, to investigate the matter and present its findings to this Convention. However, Dr. Barton has been seriously ill for some time and the committee was unable to perform its task, so one member of the committee requested that it be continued for another year for further study. However, there was a group of some fourteen messengers from California at the Convention led by Rev. R. W. Lackey, Bakersfield. It was manifest from the bgeinning of the discussion that there was a strong feeling on the part of the audience that the application for membership in this body of the California brethren should be acted upon at this session. And so when the vote was taken, their application for membership was granted. Three associations with thirty odd churches with an aggregate membership of about 3,000 was reported to be in the Southern Baptist Convention of California. During the past year these churches contributed more than $500 to the Southern Baptist Convention agencies. Their membership in the Convention entitles them to a member on three of the Convention boards, according to the present constitution and by-laws.

Protests to the Government

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, presented a strong resolution protesting against the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican, that is reported to be likely, and reaffirming our age-long belief in the principle of absolute separation of church and state. This protest will be sent to the President. Another protest offered by the committee on Resolutions, of which Dr. J. Howard Williams, Oklahoma City was chairman, with reference to the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors will be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. The example of William Jennings Bryan, Josephus Daniels, and Woodrow Wilson during the last war are cited as noble precedents in the present world conflict.

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NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

THE REPORT OF REV. WILLIAM R. PANKEY of the Second church, St. Louis, indicates that last year he preached 33 sermons, delivered 107 addresses, made 1,118 pastoral calls, conducted 14 funerals, officiated at 52 weddings and welcomed 152 new members. During the year the church paid its indebtedness of $20,000 and rebuilt the organ at a cost of $15,000.

PRESIDENT WM. A. ELLIOTT OF THE NORTHERN CONVENTION, Dr. Walter E. Woodbury of New York and Dr. J. M. Horton, state secretary for Indiana, were the speakers at the fine Indiana Baptist Pastors' conference held at Franklin College.

DR. J. PALMER MUNTZ, PASTOR OF THE Cazenovia Baptist church, Buffalo for the past 17 years, and director of the Winona Lake Bible Conference, recently led in dedicating a beautiful new church building.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES has a new member since the Arch Street Quaker yearly meeting agreed to enter as "an act of Christian solidarity."

THE PHILADELPHIA METHODIST BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, in a recent meeting took a strong stand against liquor in the Army, saying, "Our young men should return home as free from the taints of vice and drunkenness as when they left." Another of their laymen has warned the government that "the German, Japanese and Russian armies are dry, but the United States is raising up its army in a wet atmosphere. We have never learned from history that the morale of a nation will never rise above its morals."

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and Young People's Work, led by director Edgar C. Smith, toured the state in April with their second annual Travelcade.

IN PENNSYLVANIA 32% OF THE CHURCHES have less than 100 members; 44% have from 100 to 300 members; 18% from 300 to 600; 4% from 600 to 900 and only 1.6% over 900 members. Of the 536 churches reporting 112 reported less than $500 for the annual expenses; 129 from $500 to $1,500 for current expenses; 213 from $1,500 to $5,000, and 82 with more than $5,000 current expenses for the year.

1942 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Mission in Labrador by Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell. The Coast-to-Coast Labrador Branch of the Needlework Guild of America is seeking to secure 50,000 garments to be sent to the Mission. This Society has been sending needed clothing to these people since 1921.

THE NEW YORK BIBLE SOCIETY in its annual report tells the story of the distribution during the past year of 867,930 Bibles, Testaments and portions of the Bible. During the 132 years of its history the grand total is 25,842,767.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS REPORTS that the government agents destroyed 1,939 "moonshine" stills in Georgia, and 1,227 in Alabama during the past year. And no one knows the number they did not destroy.

THE INCOME OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD of the Southern Convention reached an eighteen year high last year when receipts totaled $782,251.82, which was a 40% increase over the previous year. The Board also reported a 10% increase in baptisms and says the greatest need in this field is "a co-ordinated, comprehensive program of evangelism in the 908 associations and more personal soul-winners."

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER, St. Petersburg, Fla., has published a very fine little booklet "Looking Unto God—a Call to Prayer" which may be had for the asking, along with a copy of "The Fellowship Messenger" their monthly paper.

EVANGELIST ALFRED R. HARDY, KANSAS CITY, recently held a number of meetings in Nebraska with splendid results. He is safe, sane and truly evangelistic.

PRESIDENT HENRY T. MCDONALD OF STORER COLLEGE, Harpers Ferry, W. Va., is leading a campaign to raise $30,000 for a new physical education building as one feature of their 75th anniversary of service for Negro men and women.

ABOUT 150 REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCH BOARDS, Bible institutions, seminaries, and other "fundamentalist groups" met in St. Louis in April for the purpose of forming "A National Association of Evangelicals for United Action." They refused to unite with the American Council of Christian Churches and do not propose to fight the Federal Council of Churches. They plan to hold meetings during the coming year at New York City, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Pierre, S.D., Seattle and Carson City. The president of the American Council of Christian Churches said that "Nothing really definite was accomplished."

WHEN THE 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of Indiana Christian Endeavor Union meets at Vincennes in June Dr. Daniel A. Poling and Capt. Silas E. Decker, U. S. army chaplain, will be among the speakers.

PETER BECKER, A GERMAN PIETIST, came to this country in 1719 and settled at Germantown, Pa. A little later he led in establishing the Church of the Brethren, which has grown to about 200,000 members. These people were also called "Dunkers" and "Tunkers" and have been conservative in dress, bearing arms, and theology.

DR. CLARENCE W. KEMPER has just cause for rejoicing when Dr. Weldon Wilson of Chicago calls the building of the new church in Denver as "The No. 1 project of the Northern Baptist Convention of the past decade." The record of eight years indicates $336,053.70 paid, or one-fourth of their 78 year history. New members welcomed were 807. The present property is worth $300,000, with but $30,000 indebtedness.

FINLAND, WITH FEWER THAN 2,000 ROMAN CATHOLICS has named G. A. Gripenberg, former representative in London, as a minister to the Vatican is the report of the Rome correspondent of Lugano Corriere Del Ticino.

REV. ROY E. OLSON IS PRESIDENT and Herbert H. Parish is director of the United Temperance Movement, a new organization formed by the union of the Minnesota Temperance League and the Anti-Saloon League.

THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY QUOTES THE BELFAST IRISH NEWS that many American soldiers in Ireland have returned to the Roman Catholic faith. "One Ulster bishop recently administered the sacrament to 35 adults, most of them American soldiers who, returning to the land of their ancestors, returned also to the faith of their fathers."

EVANGELIST CARL C. HARWOOD is giving as much time as possible as the representative of the World's Christian Fundamentals Association in forming "Victory Prayer Bands." These bands unite in praying definitely for their friends and loved ones in the armed forces of our country.

EXEMPTING THE BAPTISTS IN RUSSIA, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke says, that "about 98% of the 12,750,000 Baptists in the world are found in countries and dependencies of countries which are at war with the Axis powers."

Representatives of sixteen Protestant publishing houses met in New York recently and formed an organization to be known as the Religious Film Association, to serve the churches with religious films.

Announcement is made that the World Council of Churches plans to hold a meeting at the earliest possible date following the war.

As a Part of the World's Sunday School Association the World Religious Education Association has been formed, which will be an organization to "extend and improve Christian education around the world as a foundation for international friendship and goodwill."

The Disciples of Christ have 112 chaplains in active service and expect to have 200. The denomination has planned to pay the eight per cent pension dues for all their men in the service and hope to do it for the duration of the war. The dues will be paid on a salary basis of $1,500.

Since Dr. Vance Webster went to Eugene, Ore., some months ago 200 new members have been received. Dr. Walter D. Kallenback, the blind evangelist, recently held a meeting with them with the greatest crowds in the history of the church. More than 3,500 were present on the last day of the meeting.

The 15th annual convention of the Indiana B.Y.P.U. was held with the First church, Anderson, Ind., May 8-10, using the theme: "Loyalty to Christ."

The Supreme Council, 330, Bulletin, reports that "The school boards of Rochester, N.Y., and Los Angeles, Calif., aroused by the storm of protest citizens have made against the social studies textbooks written by Columbia University Prof. Harold Rugg, have banned these books from the public schools and libraries and classrooms. In doing so, they joined the growing list of communities where the Rugg text-books have been eliminated because it was felt they present a distorted picture of United States history and institutions."

Holding that religious institutions enjoy no inherent exemption from taxation the government of the national capitol has ordered the municipal real estate tax levied against all or portions of properites of 13 Roman Catholic orders. —Religious News Service.

The 60th annual session of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia met with the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, with 1,962 registrations. Mrs. Peter Kittles of Sylvania was elected president to succeed Mrs. Frank Burney who served for five years.

Thirty-two radio stations in the south carried the Baptist hour programs without charge. It is estimated that audiences of from four to five million heard these outstanding messages, closing with the one by Dr. George W. Truett.

Dr. Louie D. Newton in the Christian Index reports that "The Scotch Church in Buenos Aires, Douglas W. Bruce, minister, sent a half million dollars to Winston Churchill on his birthday to be used for airplanes. In addition, this British community in Buenos Aires is undertaking to send an average of $150,000 every month to feed 20,000 British prisoners of war in Germany."

The Baptist Church of Red Bank, N. J., Rev. Charles A. Thunn, pastor, conducts a class in first aid for about 200 of his people each Wednesday night in connection with the prayer-meeting service.

A Laymen's Movement for a Christian World has been organized in New York City. One of the objectives is "to find their part in building Christianity into the life of the world."

Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy under Woodrow Wilson, has accepted membership on the six-man commission on public information of the Methodist Church.—The Protestant Voice.

On April 30th the B.Y.P.U. of A., Rev. Edwin Phelps, secretary, finished 50 years of service, closed its work, and has become a part of the Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Northern Convention.

There are 83 seminaries in the American Association of Theological Seminaries. Fifty professors from these institutions met in Chicago "to develop materials and methods within the field of their professional work."

According to the World Council Courier, Nazi religious leaders have said that "the ecumenical movement looking toward reintegration and cooperation among the Christian churches of the world as Public Enemy No. 1, and 'Humanitarianism' as the second most deadly enemy of Nazism."

The Methodist Church in Brazil is the first in South America to join the World Council of Churches.

The People's Church, East Lansing, Mich., has just celebrated the 25th anniversary of the work of Pastor N. A. McCune, who has welcomed more than 2,700 new members. . . .

Also The Metropolitan Methodist Church of Detroit has observed the 23rd anniversary of the work of Dr. Merton S. Rice. . . . Dr. Norris L. Tibbetts has been pastor of the Hyde Park Church, Chicago, for 18 years and Dr. Rolland Schloerb has been co-pastor for 14 years, during which time the church was not informed as to who would do the preaching each Sunday . . . and Dr. C. H. Walcott has begun his 17th year with the First Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DEATHS

Death came during the past few weeks to Dr. George Norlin, president of the University of Colorado for 20 years. His wife preceded him in death by 27 hours and a double funeral was conducted by Dr. Lucius Reed of the First Congregational Church of Boulder. . . . Rev. John Lester Sherman, 53, Cheshire, Mass. . . . Sir George Adams Smith, 86, London, noted writer on the Old Testament, who published his Isaiah nearly 50 years ago. . . . Rev. J. Fred Jenkins, 80, Chanute, Kan. . . .

And Dr. H. C. Morrison, 84, Louisville, editor of the Pentecostal *Herald* and a minister for more than half century. . . . Rev. Clerence Emery, Lamoine, Maine, minister in New England for many years. . . . Mrs. Emma M. Merrill, 82, Newton, Mass., widow of Dr. George E. Merrill, who was president of Colgate University from 1892 until his death in 1908. . . .

Also Rev. Henry B. M. Dare, 73, pastor of the First Church, Woodbury, N. J. for 21 years. . . . Rev. George N. Doody, 65, Caribou, Maine. . . . Mrs. J. G. Hutchinson, Hamburg, wife of Chaplain J. G. Hutchinson and pastor of the First Church, Hamburg. . . . George Hunt, famous Indian Christian of Oklahoma, known throughout the Northern Convention. . . . Dr. Walter Woodward, 64, Richmond, Ind., a leading Quaker educator, pastor and editor. . . . Rev. Everson Ryder MacKinney, 82, Shakopee, Minn. . . .

The Church of the Latter-day Saints, (Mormon) limited attendance at its annual general conference in Salt Lake City this year to about 500, instead of the usual 15,000.

The 28th annual session of the Brazilian Baptist Convention was held with the First Church, Belo Horizonte, Rev. Casimiro Gomes de Oliveira, pastor, this year, with about 250 delegates.

THE ANNUAL EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT THE OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY was held this year by Dr. J. B. Tidwell, head of the Bible department of Baylor University. Dr. Tidwell is 72. An exchange comments "Why the excitement about his age." Dr. Truett is 73, Dr. Mott is 76, David Lloyd George is 80, and Dr. W. B. Riley is 81.

SOMETHING NEW! DR. RALPH WALKER OF THE WHITE TEMPLE, Portland, Ore., is inviting the former pastors of the church to be the pulpit supplies this summer. Included in the number are Dr. J. W. Brougher, Dr. W. G. Everson and Dr. Weldon M. Wilson.

THE FIRST CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY, is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. During its first 188 years there were only nine pastors. Dr. Isaac M. Heldeman served 49 years; Dr. William Parkinson, 45 years, Rev. John Gano, a chaplain of George Washington's army served 25 years.

REV. JOHN A. SWETNAM, pastor of the Third Church, Norwich, Conn., has three sons in the ministry. All of them assisted in Holy Week services in the father's church this year.

DR. JOHN BUNYAN SMITH OF THE FIRST CHURCH, SAN DIEGO, CALIF., welcomed 630 new members last year. The pastor administered baptism every Sunday he was with the church except five, and raised more than $15,000 for missions, including $3,000 for the World Emergency Fund.

THE W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION OF BATTLE CREEK, MICH., has alotted a subsidy of $50,000 annually for the next five years to Meharry Medical College for Negroes at Nashville, Tenn., a school which trains more than half the Negro medical students in this country.

THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY REPORTS that the Mississippi legislature has passed a bill "making it a felony to preach or otherwise utter tenets condemnatory to U. S. participation in the war."

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY NON-ANGLICAN CHURCHES have been invited to send representatives to the enthroning of the new Archbishop of Canterbury in England. The American representatives will be Drs. William Adams Brown, Henry Smith Leiper, James DeWolfe and Clifford P. Morehouse.

THE CHURCH PENSION FUND of the Protestant Episcopal Church, organized in 1916, now has assets of more than $35,500,000.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE LEADING RELIGIOUS GROUPS in Pittsburgh have organized for emergency hospitalization in case their city is bombed or other disasters come because of the war. In Pittsburgh pastors of 20 white and 20 Negro churches exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

WALTER THEODORE LILES, NATIONAL SECRETARY of the Christian Science Pacifist Fellowship has announced that the name has been changed to the Pacifist Principle Fellowship.

REV. ABNER J. DAVIES, WHO HAS SERVED THE FIRST CHURCH, CONSHOHOCKEN, PA., for forty years attributes his long pastorate to: 1. A consciousness of the sacred relationship between pastor and people; 2. a vital consideration of honor; 3. a faithfulness in pastoral calling. This church ordained him forty years ago.

DR. EARL V. PIERCE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHERN CONVENTION, delivered the Winkinson lectures at the Northern Seminary in Chicago this spring.

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LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Dr. S. S. Poole, has served the Germain Street Church, St. John, New Brunswick, for 25 years. . . . Dr. Frank M. Powell, after 23 years on the faculty of the Southern Seminary, has accepted a call from the Calvary Church, Tupelo, Miss. . . . Dr. E. R. Carter has just celebrated his 60th anniversary as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. George W. Truett preaching the sermon. . . .

And three men have resigned or closed their work as directors of Christian Education. Rev. W. H. Bayles is retiring from the work in North and South Dakota after 27 years service; Rev. Louis H. Koehler after 24 years work in Illinois, and Rev. L. Louis Aber after 12 years in Rhode Island. . . .

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, comprised of churches in Ohio, Kentucky and California, have celebrated the 40th anniversary of the bishopric of Bishop Charles H. Phillips, 84, whose career extends from clavery to senior bishop of his church. . . . Dr. R. S. Beal has been with the First Church, Tucson, Ariz., for more than 24 years and watched the membership grow from 203 to 2,200, with contributions of over $500,000. . . .

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"Where have you been?"
"Havin' me hair cut."
"In the company's time?"
"Well, it grew in the company's time, didn't it?"
"Not all of it."
"Well, I didn't have all of it cut off."

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"Why such an odd name?"
"Well, we're awfully hard to skin."

For and About Women . . . by Mabelle Rae LeGrand

"I Dare You"

"I DARE YOU" is the title of a little red-bound book that dropped on my desk this past week. It sounded different and I was immediately intrigued by the title so I took time out to look it over with the decision that it is worth comment here. This little book is the personal thinking of William H. Danforth, Chairman of the Board of the Ralston Purina Company. In his introduction, he says:

" 'I Dare You' is for the daring few who are headed somewhere. Those afraid to Dare might as well pass it up. It will weary the lazy because it calls for immediate action. It will bore the sophisticated, and amuse the skeptics. It will antagonize others. Some will not even know what it is all about. It will not be over popular because it calls for courage, swift and daring. But in the eyes of you, one of 'the priceless few', I trust will come the gleam of battle as you read on. You can be a bigger person then you are and I am going to prove it to you."

The foreword is written by a friend who says this about the writer, "The day ahead is always the most thrilling day in his life. The job at hand is always the most important one he has ever undertaken. He never gives less than his best." He also adds that the book has been very useful to "everyone whose aim it is to challenge men and women to superior accomplishment. . . . It is a practical plan of action for everybody who wants to go somewhere and be somebody."

Quoting from Tennyson as follows,

"That tower of strength
Which stood four-square to all
Winds that blew."

He proposes that each reader draw a square and mark the four sides, Physical, Mental, Social, and Religious; then by the side of each of these in the order given above he outlines a four-fold development, Stand Tall—Think Tall—Smile Tall—Live Tall. Now, "You have marshalled right things for the attack. Your eyes are turned toward your strength, not your weakness. Henceforth, you will wake up in the morning thinking of ways to do things, rather than reasons why they can't be done." Later he tells the story of a young woman at work in the Near East who "lived the abundant life of service." And then these telling words about her. "She worked as if everything depended on her. She had faith as if everything depended on God."

Stand Tall hardly needs to be said to an American woman today. These are the days when we are so proud to belong to the greatest democracy in the world that when we read the papers and magazines, unconsciously we look with pride at ourselves. When at the beginning of the meeting of the Woman's Club all the women salute the flag, Our Flag, there are no sagging shoulders or weak pledges of allegiance to our native land. But back in the minds of some of us are the pictures of some of the sore spots in our Christian (?) society—slums—roadhouses —taverns—and it is not quite so easy to Stand Tall until we remember that there are those consecrated to the program of putting Christ in every home. It does mean that many more must work as if everything depended on us and not be carried away by the feverish loyalty that suddenly blazes when our own homes and way of life is in danger.

Think Tall is to be commended to each of us in all our relationships now. Dr. Gilkey said a year ago that people do not like to think, they like to be told what to do. It is no work to take a program and use it as written. Most of us appear to like canned information and without question or too much interest, we ask for everything to be made to order. It is too much effort to think. In our National Conventions this year there will be critical matters of great importance but many of us will look around to see who is sponsoring any changes and if it happens to come from a source outside our own immediate circle of friends, we shall look askance at any proposed change and vote against it for one of two reasons, either it changes our traditional procedure, or it may affect our own personal relationships or aspirations. We just are not big enough to Think for ourselves. It is so much easier to be told what to do.

Smile Tall is not so easy when we remember those who are dear to us as members of our families or dear friends, who are far away on the battle line, or serving as Christian missionaries in any spot where there is need for service to fellowmen. They are 'taking it' in a marvelous way and we are all proud of those Christian doctors who have moved into the danger zones to help suffering humanity of any color, nation or creed. For those women who have held lanterns and served as nurses in emergency situations we can smile and take pride in their consecration to serve wherever there is need in His Name.

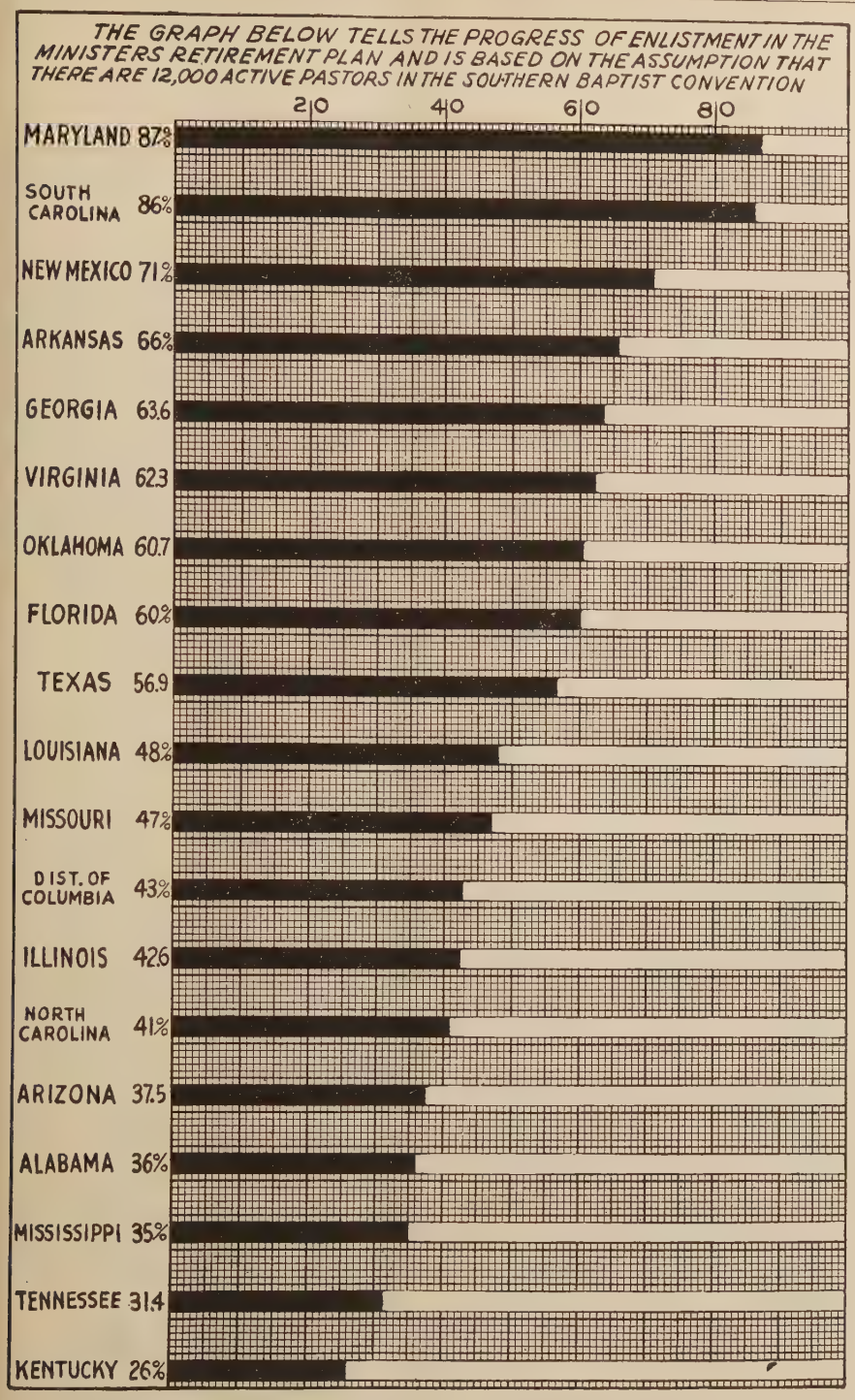
The fourth point in his program is for all of us—Live Tall. The greatest organization for making this possible in the lives of Christians is the Christian church, and yet in many places today there is a let down in active service and loyalty. When our own lives are affected many reasons may be found as to why we can forego regular attendance. Factories are working seven days a week, therefore business men find it necessary to be in their offices or at their desks on the Sabbath day. Pleasure in an auto was a recent reason for absence, now it is business. The papers are full of the need for women in defense industries, and if there is not need there, then they must be marshalled in salvage campaigns. There will be tremendous disappointment in the recent decision that a nation-wide enrollment of women was not necessary at this time. However, it will still be very necessary in the minds of some women to use the Sabbath for knitting. We must be busy. Let us not fool ourselves into thinking that the period ahead will have more religious fervor than in the late years. There are those in the churches today actually saying that the day of foreign missions is over. There are those who are declaring that we cannot be sure that our gifts to other lands are actually reaching their designated destinations, and there are others in the church heard to say that all our missionary teaching of the past in other lands has been of no weight. This then is the time for those of the Christian church to Live Tall.

The days ahead will not be easy for Christian women. We must find a way to serve our country and at the same time not let down on our response to the call of the church. Three suggestions may be in order.

First, by Example we must show that we are Christian, which ought to mean "different." Love is our key and faith our inner compulsion. Let us be loyal and true to the best we know and believe.

Second, many will be watching our Attitudes—toward the things of the kingdom and toward peoples of every race and nation, toward our church, and those in need near at hand and overseas. Love knows no dividing line.

Third, we must learn how to Cooperate with all those who seek the same good for our country and the world in which we live. It is not easy to bury prejudices



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toward other groups and organizations, even churches, but it is not for us alone to have the one and only right way of service. Working together means Co-operation.

From the outline of this little book I offer to the women who read this page the challenge of the author—"I Dare You." There is real need for heroism everywhere. In the thick of battle one is carried on by the excitement and enthusiasm of the group. Back in our home cities and churches it is not so easy to try to interpret missions to an indifferent membership. It is not easy to keep on serving in the usual places where the glamor is not thick and the call for exciting war work sounds louder than the call for church school teachers. Both must go on and Christian women must continue to Live Tall. There are those who are counting on us and we must not fail. I Dare You!

In a recent Sunday service at Tuskegee Institute the minister spoke with power to some fourteen hundred negro students on the theme, "And now show I you a more excellent way." As he closed, he told of two boys in the last war who were devoted pals and friends. After a bitter battle one day, one of the boys found that his pal was missing and knew that he was somewhere out there in No-Man's Land. He asked for permission to go out after his friend but the commander said it was of no use for no one was alive out there after the withering fire of many hours. After great insistence, he was finally given permission to go. Some time later he came back with the limp body of his friend over his shoulder. The commander said, "Didn't I tell you it was no use to go? To which the boy replied with a radiance in his eyes, "But it was. I got there in time to hear him whisper to me, 'I knew you'd come'."

There are those who are depending on us and I Dare You to make it possible for those who have known us to say, "She worked as if everything depended on her. She had faith as if everything depended on God."

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CARRYING CHRIST TO THE BEET FIELDS

By MISS PAULINE CAMMACK, New Mexico

A large Spanish family group, including seven Christians, who were led to Christ through our Spanish mission here, recently moved to Colorado to work in the beet fields. The father in this family was formerly a Penitènte, but since becoming a Christian he has been active in telling his friends and fellow workmen the good news about his Savior. It is our prayer that he will be a faithful witness for Christ in their new community and among his fellow-workers in the beet fields.

A Box Of Idols

By MYRTLE WHITED
Missionary Nurse at Hwa Mei Hospital, Mingpo, E. China

Among my most valued possessions is a box of little figures, which I have in a row here before me. Some of them are made from metal, a few are gold plated and one is of shining amber. Some are in the form of Kwan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, the good goddess that looks after the welfare of women. Some are in the form of Buddha, a man who lived many years ago. These figures are idols of the Buddhist religion.

Now it may seem strange to you that I, a Christian missionary, can say that these idols are among my valued possessions, but it is true. You see, each one of them belonged to a person, and those persons are my friends.

The idol is the most difficult thing for a Buddhist woman to give up when she becomes Christian. Sometimes the change in her life is very evident and it is certain that she believes, and is trying to walk in the Christian way. But she will say, "Just let me keep my Buddha. I won't bow down before him. But just let me keep it." Of course, that is not possible. But if a woman will destroy her idol or give it out of her possession, then that woman has surely given up the past and has taken a new life.

This bronze Buddha belonged to Seng Bao-ngo. She graduated from our School of Nursing two years ago and since that time has given herself completely to caring for the refugees in Shanghai. There was time for her to get out of Shanghai before the Japanese took over the International Settlement, but I was told that she did not go. She was needed there and she stayed.

This graceful Goddess of Mercy, plated in gold was in the possession of Koh Mei-ching. She is another of our graduates. In 1938 when the call came for volunteer nurses and doctors to go to one of the far west provinces of China to take the message of salvation and healing to the people there, Mei-ching was one of the first to volunteer. Reports of her work there have been most gratifying.

The bronze idol with its case of rusted tin belonged to a poor country-woman, Mrs. Chang, who was a patient in our hospital. She left it when she went back to her village in the hills. In its place she took with her a package of Bibles, a brightness in her eyes and the Christ in her heart.

The Buddha of shining amber was a valued possession of Yao Siao-Mei, a graduate nurse of Hwa Mei Hospital. Far out along the Burma Road her life is shining even more brightly than the amber.

Yao Siao-Mei came to the School of Nursing from a devout Buddhist home in a city 400 miles north. She had attended a government school there and while she had heard of a Christian religion she knew nothing about it.

During the early months of her stay with us, Siao-Mei went to the temple very often. Our students have Bible study along with their other classes, and after several months I noticed that Siao-Mei was becoming very much interested and that her visits to the temple were less frequent. It came to her Senior year and she had made no definite stand for Christianity, yet it was very evident that she was a believer. I talked with her one day about being baptized and making it known before the world that she had accepted Christ as a Saviour. This is what she told me.

"My father is a devout Buddhist and when I told him I believed in Jesus Christ and wished to be baptized, he said, 'If you do, your name will be burned before the ancestors'." To a Chinese there could be no greater punishment. The home and family mean everything to them. If Siao-Mei accepted Christ openly her name would be written on a sheet of paper and the paper burned with appropriate ceremony before the family altar. *It would be as though she had never been born.* That is what it means to some of these Chinese young people to become Christian.

Needless to say, Yao Siao-Mei was baptized. Because she was willing to give up so much to become a Christian, others in the hospital became interested in such a Saviour. Siao-Mei is married now to a doctor and they have a little daughter of their own. After the war started, they went far to the west along the Burma Road and there they are continuing to witness as they carry their message of healing to the people.

Let us look at these idols together. Idols of metal and clay and stone. Some of you may say that they mean nothing. To me they mean souls redeemed, lives consecrated to the service of the King.

"I will, if need be, go back, back, back and remain with my people," writes a missionary working in Burma's hills, while war fiercely rages there.

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REVIEWS

The Revolution in Christian Missions. By Roy L. Smith. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 223 pp. $1.75.

The editor of the *Christian Advocate,* deeply interested in and concerned for the missionary program of the church, takes Christian missions to task for not being more aggressive and constructive in its ministry of "Social-salvation." The church cannot be satisfied with its missionary program until it has transformed society at home and abroad. The missionary must be a voice crying out against personal and social evils. He must call individuals and society to repentance. Yet with his stirring challenge the author expresses confidence and assurance that Christian missions will not only survive the present chaos but come out of it victorious. This is a vital, wide-awake, and stimulating discussion on an important subject.

Marriage for Moderns. By Henry A. Bowman. McGraw-Hill. 493 pp. $3.00.

While this text is prepared primarily for college students it is invaluable to young people seeking counsel about marriage and all that it involves. In relationship to marriage such themes are discussed as: Age to marry, following a career, selecting a mate, mixed marriages, honeymoon, personality adjustment, the use of money, and raising a family. This book is likely to be the authoritative and standard work on a subject which is becoming of more pressing importance and of more general interest to ministers. The subject is treated in a sane, scholarly, and straightforward manner.

What Mean These Stones? By Millar Burrows. American School of Oriental Research. 306 pp. $2.50.

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Saints At Prayer. By Raymond E. F. Larsson. Coward-McCann. 284 pp. $2.50.

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They Knew Lincoln. By John E. Washington. Dutton. 244 pp. $3.75.

A negro, the son of "slave parents," has been gathering from childhood stories from his race about the Great Emancipator. With increased interest he turned to other people to learn what they knew about Lincoln. These numerous anecdotes and accounts have been carefully verified, and are here presented in vivid and informing words. A new and glorious picture of Lincoln is pictured in this interesting and unique book.

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The Acts of The Apostles. By Halford E. Luccock. Willett, Clark. 168 pp. $2.10.

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The Mystery and Romance of Israel. By Max I. Reich. Eerdman. 110 pp. $1.00.

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Reporting one-hundred and forty-five (145) additions to the membership of the church in the first year of his ministry at Salisbury, N. C.—a record which breaks all previous records in the history of the First Church there—the Rev. David Leon Woodward celebrated his first anniversary on May 3. At a meeting of the Advisory Board at the close of Pastor Woodward's first year of service at Salisbury, the members of the board reported that the enlarged board of deacons and the newly established board of deaconesses had made over a thousand calls during the first half of the church year. The Pastor himself made over twelve-hundred pastoral calls. Altogether there has resulted a great increase in interest and attendance at the church services.

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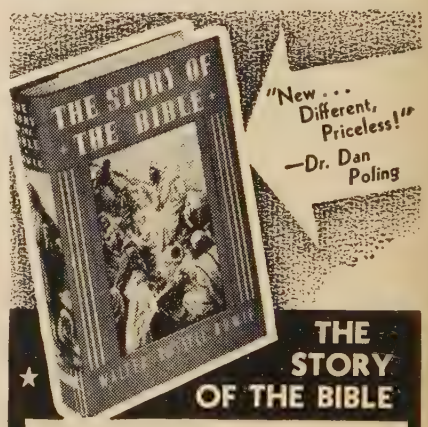

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DO PUSH BACK YOUR HORIZON. Men are measured not by their avoirdupois, but by their horizons. To live in a little world, with narrow and cabined horizons is to be a little soul. Wide horizons are not a matter of travel. One need not be a globe-trotter to have wide outlook on his world.

Horizons of which I am speaking are not to be found where the earth and sky seem to meet, but where mental outlook stops. Men have mental boundaries quite as distinct as landscapes.

Wide vision and ever extending interests and sympathy are the sure marks of all great souls. Selfishness, bigotry, small interests, narrow boundaries of outlook racial hatreds, these all make for near horizons, horizons that crowd and confine and cabin the souls of men.

Surely a minister who stands on the uplands of Judea with Jesus, and shares with him his outlook upon a stricken and needy world and hears his words of command to—"Go, into all the world," can never again limit his thought and service within narrow horizons. He will ever after,

"See the world as one vast plain,
And one boundless sweep of sky."

Some have horizons co-extensive with their prejudices; some have horizons corresponding with their ignorance, and always these are cramped and narrow. A narrow, contracted Christian is a contradiction of terms; but it is amazing how many contraditions there are, and some get into our pulpits.

DON'T GROW SHALLOW WITH THE YEARS. It was a New York preacher who said: "Some women have allowed the sediment of a godless society to filter into their lives, and they have become shallow."

It is quite possible for ministers to grow shallow without the sediment of a godless society filtering in. Superficial thinking, thoughtless reading, hit and miss preparation, artificial living, a hurried life that has in it no time for meditation these will bring shallowness. In such a life whatever streams may flow will not be very deep.

"Meditation is the fertilization of the soul," and how few of us give time for meditation. No wonder the Psalmist exalted the godly man for he took time to meditate "in His law day and night."

As ministers we must learn to use the margins of our time. Some ministers say they have no time to read. Theirs are busy lives; but the marginal time of any minister, if properly used, will allow him to enrich his mind beyond compare. A friend of mine rode forty minutes to her work, morning and evening, on the street car. By using those marginal minutes, she read the complete works of Shakespeare in one winter. One preacher read a dozen books in the fewest weeks, after retiring at night. He keeps a book at his bed side, and finds it a good way to induce sleep.

The years can bring rich and regal contributions to the mind of any preacher, not unlike the rich alluvial soil that a flood brings to depleted fields; or they can bring sterility, mental poverty, shallowness and an empty larder. Beware of the shallows.

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THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REJORTS

New York, N. Y.: A distribution of 8,096,977 volumes of Scripture during 1941, which exceeded that of any year since 1931, was reported by the American Bible Society at its 126th annual meeting held on Thursday, May 14, at its headquarters here. (New York City.)

This increased call for the Scriptures, the Society feels, is undoubtedly a direct result of the war. Its services to the fighting men of this country, where distribution is made entirely through the chaplains, and the fact that the Society is the principal source of supply of Scriptures for war prisoners in Europe and elsewhere, accounted for the circulation of nearly a half million copies. A dozen languages were required to fill the needs of the European prisoners and refugees.

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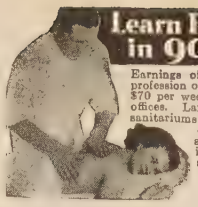
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The year ahead will bring us new problems and new difficulties, but we have shown our ability to face them with courage and determination. Our great work must and will go forward.

THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Southern Convention

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Marked Progress Made

Along nearly every line Southern Baptists made considerable progress last year. They report now 25,603 churches with a membership of 5,238,132. They received 209,593 into their churches by baptism last year. Their gifts to local work last year amounted to $37,035,267, and to missions and benevolences, $7,822,340. The most encouraging financial feature is the fact that the big debt of over $6,000,000 on the Southwide agencies and institutions has now been reduced to $1,700,000, and the prospects are that this will be wiped out before 1945, when we celebrate the centennial of the Convention. Both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the three theological seminaries and the Baptist Hospital and the Relief Board and Annuity Board have all made marked progress in their work during this year, especially in the matter of reducing their indebtedness. The Hundred Thousand Club under the able leadership of Dr. J. E. Dillard, has broken all previous records the past year in providing funds for retirement of principal of our debts.

We were deeply impressed with the serious purpose of this large group of our Southern Baptist brethren to cooperate with the Government to the last degree in winning this war and at the same time to get ready for the herculean tasks in the days ahead in presenting Christ and His way of life as the only solution of our problem of securing a just and lasting peace.

Pastor Perry F. Webb of the First Church of San Antonio, and his fellow pastors and members did a fine job in taking care of the thousands of visitors. San Antonio with its Alamo, symbol of Texas independence, and its military camps and numerous other attractions, was an ideal place for the Convention.

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Annual Pastor's Institute

Problems which the war has brought in the fields of pastoral counseling, marriage and family relations, and the lives of college youths will be discussed at the eleventh Pastors' Institute and Educational Conference, to be held at the University of Chicago July 27 to August 9. Leading religious and educational authorities will address the Institute, which is jointly conducted by the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, the Chicago Theological Seminary, Disciples Divinity House, and the Meadville Theological Seminary. More than 350 ministers from all parts of the country are expected to attend.

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CITY MISSIONS EXTENDED AS OFFERINGS INCREASE

Inauguration of city mission work in the nation's capital and in Birmingham was authorized May 7 by the Home Mission Board, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, has announced.

Rev. M. C. Stith, pastor of Brookland Baptist Church in Washington, was named to be city superintendent for the Board in that city. Dr. A. H. Reid, vice president of Howard College in Birmingham, was appointed superintendent of city missions for the Alabama city.

Brother Stith and Dr. Reid will work with the Baptists of Washington and Birmingham in a program designed to enlist the Baptists and unchurched thousands in these metropolitan areas.

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DOCTOR: "Let me look at your tongue."
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTISTS

News From The Nation's Capital

GEORGE B. FRASER, President | JUNE, 1942 | RUFUS W. WEAVER, Executive Secretary

MID-YEAR MEETING IS BEST IN DISTRICT HISTORY

BY HENRY L. SWEINHART

Missionary work around the world and Washington as a present-day mission field, were the themes emphasized at the mid-year meeting of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention held on Wesdnesday, May 6, at the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church, Naylor Road and Q streets, Southeast.

Heroism in the foreign mission field was the subject of the opening address of the meeting, given at the afternoon session by Miss Janet McKay, home base secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, representing the Northern Baptist Convention.

In the evening Dr. Charles E. Maddry, executive secretary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke of the difficulties and discouragements under which our missionaries in practically all foreign fields are carrying on, but of the impression which their courage and their determination to stick it out, particularly in China, is having on the natives and of the way in which this is "opening the door" for great and glorious work in the future, with limitless opportunities for expanding our mission work after the war. The present war situation is the "dark before the dawn for Christianity," he asserted.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the Convention, speaking at the afternoon session on the situation in Washington, after giving some review of Baptist work in the District of Columbia, this being the 65th year since the organization of a Baptist association of churches here, declared that "since 1877, the year in which the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches, predecessor of the Convention, was or-

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Churches Asked to Survey Program And Make Needed Adjustments

A survey of the program in every Baptist Church in the District has been requested by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver.

Basis of the survey is a questionnaire covering all of the activities of the churches. Officers and members of committees have been requested to meet and discuss the questions, reporting their findings to Dr. Weaver.

According to a statement of Dr. Weaver the need for a comprehensive survey of church programs is essential if the churches are to meet the need of the ever-increasing problems and opportunities. The round table discussion is expected to reveal the strength and weakness of the program in the local church. It is also suggested that a Findings Committee be appointed to bring in a report of the conclusions reached by the group considering the problem. The report will be presented to the congregations for any necessary action, and a copy is to be sent to the executive offices.

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Rev. George Hixson Goes To Mt. Rainier Church

The Rev. George Hixson, formerly Associate Pastor of the Congress Heights Baptist Church has accepted the call of the Mt. Ranier Baptist Church and is now on the field. Rev. Hixson is well known in District Baptist circles and his call to Mt. Ranier was received with much interest among Washington Baptists.

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Luther Holcomb Called As Pastor of Temple Church

The Rev. Luther Holcomb has been called as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church. He will assume his duties immediately. Rev. Holcomb comes to Washington from Oklahoma. He is the son of the Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Holcomb has held many "Youth Revivals" throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention since entering the ministry.

DISTRICT STATUS NOW THAT OF OTHER STATES IN THE CONVENTIONS

Double Amount of Money Will Be Available for Work in the Columbia Area

Final agreement has been reached between the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention on the plan for financial support of the District work by the two Conventions.

The agreement reached with the two Conventions gives the District of Columbia full standing as a State Convention with both the Conventions participating generously in the work here. Allocations to both the Mission and Educational work will permit the expenditure of about $40,000 annually which is double the amount now expended.

A Superintendent of Missions, Director of Christian Education, and Baptist Student Union secretary, are included in the new program. The Executive Committee of the Convention will be enlarged. Coordination of all phases of Convention work will result. An intensive campaign of promotion and publicity will be launched to acquaint all churches with the new plan.

Dr. M. C. Stith, in addition to his work as chairman of the Executive Committee, has temporarily assumed the responsibility of Superintendent of Missions. The new Director of Education will be named within a few weeks. Howard Rees continues as head of the student work.

At the recent Northern Baptist Convention Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, President George B. Fraser and Dr. M. C. Stith conferred with the Council on Finance and Promotion and reached a satisfactory agreement on the participation of the Northern Convention in the new program. Response of all Northern Baptist officials was enthusiastic.

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DISTRICT STATUS

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Rev. M. C. Stith, chairman of the District Executive Committee, and pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church, has been named Acting Superintendent of Missions in the District of Columbia by the Home Mission Board. He will serve until November when it is expected that a permanent director will be named.

Two new Mission stations have already been set up under the new plan and a third will soon be underway. Mission work has been established in Avondale under the direction of Rev. Paul Bell and the work is sponsored by the Brookland and Hyattsville churches. Work has also begun in the Minnesota Avenue neighborhood with Rev. Charles Rickman as director. This work is sponsored by Fountain Memorial, East Washington and Second Baptist Churches. A census is being completed in the Riverdale section.

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District Baptists Named on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention

Rev. A. Lincoln Smith was named to the Board of the Baptist Bible Institute; Rev. Ray Garrett to the Relief and Annuity Board; Rev. J. Roby Nelson to the By Law Revision Committee; Rev. James P. Rodgers to the Committee on Evangelism. Dr. Rufus Weaver, was placed on the Committee on Public Relations as was E. H. DeGroot and E. Hilton Jackson. Dr. Weaver was also named to a committee to draw up a statement of Baptist principles.

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TWO HOME BOARD PROJECTS DEDICATED THE SAME DAY

By J. W. BEAGLE

It was the writer's happy privilege to bring the message at the dedicatorial service of the beautiful new chapel at Jeanerette, Louisiana, at the eleven o'clock hour on May 3rd.

Missionary A. D. Maddry and his faithful co-laborers on this field had everything well arranged—the building completed and furnished, an attractive program, and they expre,ssed their deep gratitude to the Home Mission Board and the W.M.U. of the South for making this church possible. These expressions were given by Pastor Maddry and all present in a very impressive manner, yet it is but just to add that this faithful band of believers in Christ on this mission field provided locally more than one-fifth of the cost of this building.

June 30, 1942: A date to Remember

Sometimes, there's not much in a date. But June 30, 1942 is important to all who are not yet enrolled as members of the Ministers Retirement Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board. After that date they will no longer be eligible for "prior service credits," enabling them to fill in the gap between the actual period of service and the twenty-five years required (as a minimum) before full participation in benefits of the Plan are possible, on retirement. Ministers who think they are in this group will find it to their great advantage to contact, immediately, their State Secretary.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver,
Executive Secretary
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Mrs. Anna M. Ruthven

Funeral services were held Monday, May 25th for Mrs. Anna M. Ruthven, wife of John Ruthven, executive secretary of the First Baptist Church. The services were conducted by Dr. E. H. Pruden and burial was in the Fort Lincoln cemetery. Mrs. Ruthven came to Washington 20 years ago from Chicago with her husband. She was a native of Missouri and a graduate of Mt. Huntsville College, Huntsville, Mo. Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James G. Manaway.

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June 30, 1942: What It Means to the Pastor in Middle Years

The deadline date for "Prior Service Credits" in the Ministers Retirement Plan, June 30, 1942, is of vital interest to the pastor in middle years. Just because he is now comfortably situated, and the prospect of retirement seems far distant, is no reason for him to feel that "prior service credits" are not worthy of his careful consideration. If, when such a pastor comes to retirement age, he needs five years of "prior service credits" in order to receive full benefits under the Ministers Retirement Plan, delay beyond June 30, 1942 will be found to have been costly. It will be to the benefit of every pastor not now in the plan to write or contact his State Secretary immediately for further information.

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MID-YEAR MEETING

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ganized, the population of the city has increased five-fold. The membership of our Baptist churches, however, has increased fifteen-fold," he added. "The annual amount given by our churches for all purposes is 30 times greater than in 1877. We are now leading all the evangelical bodies of Washington in growth of membership."

Dr. Weaver then emphasized the need and the importance of meeting the new opportunities which are being presented to our denomination in the National Capital. "Our opportunity," he said, "is greater today than ever before. New fields are opening to us. Tens of thousands have come to the Nation's Capital to serve our government. We must meet the challenge with sacrificial devotion."

Speaking at the evening gathering, Dr. M. C. Stith, pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church, and chairman of the executive committee of the Convention, also directed attention to the "challenge of missions in the Washington area," declaring that it was no longer necessary for Baptists here to look abroad for mission work but that "the mission field has come right to us." He explained the plan which the executive committee and the executive board of the Convention had formulated in order to meet and carry on this expanding work here, in cooperation with the Southern and Northern Baptist conventions and their allied agencies.

The beautiful new edifice of the Fountain Memorial, dedicated only last November, was filled to overflowing at the evening service, while a good-sized audience was also present at the afternoon session. It was the first time the Convention had ever met with this church, whose active young pastor, Rev. W. Bertram King, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. He spoke of Baptist churches holding to the democratic ideal. At the afternoon service the devotions were led by Dr. John Compton Ball, pastor of Metropolitan; and the benediction pronounced by Rev. F. W. Johnson, pastor emeritus of Grace, the two oldest Baptist pastors in the city in point of service; and in the evening the two youngest pastors performed these services, Rev. Clarence W. Cranford, new pastor of Calvary, leading the opening devotions; and Rev. H. R. Osgood, of the First Baptist Church, Hyattsville, pronouncing the benediction. Special music was furnished by the choir of the church, with a duet in the afternoon by Mrs. Grace Redman and Rev. Mr. King, and a solo in the evening by Rev. J. Herrick Hall, of Fifth Baptist Church.

ANACOSTIA

The Anacostia Baptist Church, on May 17th, burned the last note on their building and are now free of debt. Guests at the ceremony were Mr. George Frazer, President of the District of Columbia Convention of Baptist Churches, and the Rev. Rufus W. Weaver, D.D., the Executive Secretary of the convention. Deacon M. E. Hammer, chairman of the board of deacons; Oscar Ohm, chairman of the board of trustees; and Mrs. Ellen Jett, church treasurer, officiated in the conflagration. The evening service closed with baptism.

During the last few years Anacostia has met all current expenses, including a bill for approximately $800.00 damages arising from a severe hail storm; paid off all its debts; increased its missionary offering each year; increased the pastor's salary; assisted a ministerial student; and contributed to practically every worthy appeal made. The church and Bible School has given copies of the New Testament to all men of the service who attended the church. This included members of the Navy School of Music, not members of the church but who attended the services regularly for the time of their school attendance.

Dr. Weaver's address on Sunday night, The Stategy of Satan, was the opening of a week of service on Spiritual Patriotism. The series to continue through Sunday May 24th. Among the speakers for the week Congressmen Jos. R. Bryson, South Carolina; Wilburn Cartwright, of Oklahoma; A. Leonard Allen, Louisana; and the Rev. Dale Crowley, radio evangelist of Washington, D. C., were heard.

The congregation are deeply convinced that a greater emphasis than is now being placed on the national motto, "In God We Trust," is greatly needed. In fact that; "The Gospel only, and only the Gospel, can save America—and the world."

TAKOMA PARK

On Mother's Day we had five sets of twins sitting with us on the platform. We were to have six sets but one set, the youngest, were unable to come on account of illness in the family. A picture of these twins appeared in a Washington paper the following day.

Recently we have had a reprint of the Church's Constitution and we are making an effort to circulate it in the congregation.

The pastor, Rev. William E. La Rue, was asked to broadcast the noon day devotions over station WRC on May 19th.

About four years ago a splendid gentleman and his wife appeared in one of our evening services. They signed up one of our visitor's cards and shortly after the pastor and his wife called and spent a pleasant evening with them. The gentleman had been brought up a Roman Catholic and his wife was a North Carolina Baptist. They said they were about to return to North Carolina because they felt lonely and friendless. The gentleman having expressed a desire to learn concerning his duty in becoming a Christian we gave him some reading matter which he appreciated very much. His wife became interested in attending the Ladies Bible Class and in other activities of the Church. Finally on the evening of Mother's Day this man came forward and confessed his faith in Jesus Christ and was immediately baptized as previously arranged. He remarked that it was the happiest day of his life. Now we think they will have solved the problem of finding friends. How we wish we might find many more such people out of the many strangers that are coming to our city. Best of all was the privilege of helping an upstanding man find the true way of salvation.

Our young people, under the leadership of Nathanael Habel, a student in Crozer Seminary who spends his week-ends with us, put on a dramatic program on the evening of Mothers' Day which brought out a goodly number. We can always get a crowd when we can minister through the eye gate but that takes time, talent, and extra effort.

On the occasion of our quarterly church business meeting May 4th, 29 persons were erased from our rolls on recommendation of our Board of Deacons and 27 others were reported to be acted upon at our next meeting.

The intake for our Sunday School is a room for the Cradle Roll department about 10 feet square. This is very inadequate for our needs and has resulted in the loss of additions that might have come to us. It is believed that with better equipment we could easily have an attendance one half larger than at the present. A committee is working on the problem but building conditions almost prohibit any improvement along this line.

SILVER SPRING

Rev. U. S. Knox of Falls Church, Va. preached one week for the Sliver Spring Baptist Church to the delight and benefit of all who heard him give his messages for the deepening of the spiritual life.

Two years ago the Silver Spring Baptist Church was struggling along with a $7,500 budget. It was decided to try the unified budget through the Sunday School. The offerings from the start doubled on many Sundays but the average income aided the church to close the year with more than a $9,000 income. One year ago the church adopted a unified budget of $10,500 and went over it so much that this year the church is trying a $12,000 budget. The members are very enthusiastically in favor of such a plan. It works.

With tire and gasoline restrictions as they are preventing travel to churches outside of one's community, the Silver Spring Baptist Church invites all to worship with the church of the community and save for defense. It is also stated that the church plans to run with a full program all the summer since the people cannot leave town on long extended vacations.

Miss Maude L. Davis Begins Work at Petworth Baptist

For some time Petworth Baptists have been planning an enlarged enlistment and educational program. Those plans have found their realization in the person of Miss Maude Lucille Davis who began her work at Petworth the week of May 3rd. For the past several years Miss Davis has been Pastoral Assistant at the Mt. Auburn Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. Besides her years of experience in religious work, Miss Davis has a fine educational background. Having studied at the University of Cincinnati, the W. M. U. Training School of Louisville, Kentucky, and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, she is well equipped to fill her present position. Although Miss Davis will work in and through all the various organizations of the church her work will consist chiefly in enlistment and personal counseling work, and in directing an enlarged program of social activities for the various age groups. Miss Davis feels that one of her first duties is to the many young women who have come to Washington to work. With the help of the girls of the Young People's Department she has planned a banquet to be held at the church on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m. This informal banquet will be at the entire expense of the church, and all business young women of the church and community are invited. At this time a permanent organization will be set up which will meet regularly and carry on various social activities of interest to young business women. One of their projects will be taking programs of a recreational nature to the nearby army camps.

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The above inscription has been a source of much inspiration and encouragement to our difficult work. It proves to us that in life's darkest moments, faith in the Almighty and confidence in His power and will ultimately bring about that which the human mind cannot conceive. Efforts for the work of the Master will never fail!

In harmony with the instrumentality that made our existence possible, it is significant that at the worship service several weeks ago, a representation of the Italo-American Masonic Club attended in a body and presented to the Church a check for $100 to be used toward the planned and much-needed redecoration and repairs of the building. Glory be unto God for His promptings! The subject of the sermon that Sunday as preached by our Assistant Pastor, the Reverend Olindo Marseglia, was "Jesus, the Hope of the world." May we never lose sight of this Hope and may our lives be guided by the patient and loving Nazarene.

At our B. Y. meetings we are taking up the study of the Articles of Faith. This course has been of great value to all of us. The groups presenting the articles are individually doing much research work in securing the necessary materials. They are truly searching the scriptures for information and authority.

We feel that our efforts for the Master are being rewarded. On Sunday, May 10, there was much rejoicing in our midst. Ten young people joined our Church through the ordinance of baptism. Officiating in the ceremony our Assistant Pastor most impressively immersed the candidates while the Pastor conducted the service. Through the courtesy of the Metropolitan Baptist Church their baptistry was used. We note with particular interest that seven of the ten candidates are members of the Church Choir of which our versatile Assistant, the Rev. Olindo Marseglia, is leader.

Again we extend a cordial invitation to all to visit with us when the opportunity presents itself—or better still, make a special effort to see what we are trying to do in the City that at the present time is the focal point of the world.

—Olga M. Gallahorn

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Young Pastors Need the Ministers Retirement Plan

Young men will grow old if they live long enough and it is remarkably true that very, very many of them do live to be old. Ministers who make no provision for their old age usually suffer want. If a young pastor says: "I can wait a while and come in later," let him be reminded that he can do this, but not without cost to himself, even great cost. Drawing old age pensions is like going to mill with the corn. One can carry back home meal in proportion to the amount of corn put into the hopper. If pensions are paid to men in their old age, preachers, churches and the denomination must supply the grist which produce the pensions. The Relief and Annuity Board takes these contributions of preachers, churches and the Conventions and adds much interest to them, but it cannot create money. Without the contributions there can be no real pensions.

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THE LADIES' HOME

BY PHOEBE BOWLER FUGITT

The organizations of the Baptist churches of the District and their friends are most generous with their time and talent in providing entertainment for the ladies in our home. During the summer months they have a bus ride about once a week, for some interesting or pretty drive, usually to see some flower display or similar thing. During the other months, they have entertainment brought to the home, usually about once a week.

The president of the Board of Lady Managers appoints a chairman of entertainment, and she arranges the time for the different groups. All holidays are celebrated with an extra fine dinner given by some friend, or some other special treat. Christmas is such a happy time, with a large tree beautifully trimmed by the same lady and her helpers for many years, and a young men's Sunday School class playing Santa on Christmas Eve with gifts for each and a singing of carols. The home family retires tired and happy.

The District of Columbia Story League has entertained the ladies one Friday in each month for several years.

The ladies have usually gone to several different churches on Mothers' Day, been given flowers by others or sometimes a tea. We all like to have the ladies visit us on that day. But this past Mothers' Day, Silver Spring did herself proud, having as many as could go to the morning worship, entertaining them in their homes for dinner, then taking them to the church for Mothers' Day tea and seeing them safely home.

If you'd like to visit the home and entertain the ladies for an evening, just contact our chairman and she will give you an early Fall date. Sometimes the ladies themselves provide excellent programs of entertainment.

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CHEVY CHASE

The Chevy Chase Church will be well represented at the Cleveland Convention. The delegates elected to attend are the following: Mr. & Mrs. George B. Fraser. Mr. Fraser is president of the D. C. Baptist Convention; Mrs. Donald M. Earll who is a member of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. S. Arthur Devan who is Director of the Commission or Army and Navy Chaplains. Dr. Devan will address the convention. The pastor also will be in attendance as a delegate.

From the increased number of Baptists coming to Washington, the church is receiving new members constantly, the membership of the church having passed the five-hundred mark recently.

An unusual service is being planned for June 21 when the pastor will invite to the morning service all couples whom he has married while pastor of the church. This is known as a "Wedding Bells Reunion Service." It so happens also that on this particular Sunday Mr. Clark begins his nineteenth year of service with the church as pastor.

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MRS. JONES: "Alexander, do you remember what day this is?"

ALEX: "Of course, my dear. It is our wedding anniversary."

MRS. JONES: "It is no such thing. It's the day you promised to nail the leg on that old kitchen table."

New Book By Dr. E. E. Richardson

The Congress Heights Baptist Church as been singularly honored recently in hat the pastor, Dr. E. E. Richardson, as written a noteworthy book entitled, *'irst Pinciples of Religion.* A compre- iensive idea of the book is expressed in :s three-fold purpose, namely, to show hat the most profound thought of the uman mind is not at variance with re- gion; to show the fundamental principle nvolved in matters of religion; to up- old the faith of those who have been roubled by rationalistic attacks on re- igion. The wide publicity given this book hrough the Religious Book Club and imilar publications is fully justified when pon reading it one glimpses the profound hought which has created it.

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Brookland Reduces Debt By $9500 during Past Year

Brookland Baptist Church has reduced :s indebtedness by $9500 within the past ear leaving an indebtedness of $61,220. otal debt against the church five years go was $107,000. During the five year astorate of Dr. M. C. Stith more than 00 additions to the church have been ecorded. The church called Dr. Stith or another five year period at a recent usiness meeting.

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A Baptist Priority List

Many of our ablest pastors, when hey come to retirement age, will need "prior service credits" in order to eceive full benefits under the Min- sters Retirement Plan of the Relief nd Annuity Board. They constitute Baptist priority list.

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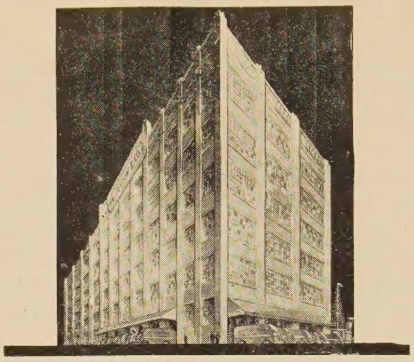

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By DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE,
President of the Baptist World Alliance

Visit of Dr. W. O. Lewis

It is good to have the General Secretary of the Alliance, Dr. W. O. Lewis, in England just now, and he has been warmly welcomed. He came in response to the invitation of the Baptist Missionary Society, at whose "Ter-Jubilee" celebrations (to be held at Kettering in Whit-week) he will represent the American Baptists; but he arrived in time to take part also in the annual gatherings of the British Baptists, which were this year joint meetings of the Baptist Union and the Missionary Society. His addresses have been greatly enjoyed, and he has been charged to express to American Baptists the gratitude of their British brethren for generous aid received from the United States. The Advisory committee of the Alliance has been able to take advantage of the presence of the General Secretary in order to confer regarding the future of our fraternal world-wide work. In feeding the hungry, and assisting the restarting of interrupted and disorganized mission enterprises, there will be more than enough to do! Meanwhile, contacts are preserved over a far wider area than could have been expected. In 1914-18 the Alliance was said to have gone into "cold storage"; certainly nothing of the kind is happening now.

Baptist Leaders in Britain

The president of the Baptist Union, who assumed office at the opening of the Assembly and delivered a notable address on "The Tradition of Great Things," is the Rev. B. Grey Griffith. Mr. Griffith has served the B.M.S. with distinction for fifteen years at its Home Secretary. He is a preacher of unusual power, and also possesses exceptional business qualities which make him a first-rate chairman of the Assembly as well as of the Union committees. We are looking for great leadership during his presidential year, which of course is the 150th from the founding of the Society to which he has so long devoted his powers.

The chairmanship of the Missionary Society—the other great office among British Baptists—is in this historic year as fitly held by the Rev. C. E. Wilson, who recently retired from the Foreign Secretaryship of the Society after serving thirty-four years, preceded by twelve years as a missionary in India. Mr. Wilson holds a unique position in Britain. He has an unrivalled knowledge of missionary facts and strategy, both within and without the denomination. I regard him as in an exceptional sense the personification of the B.M.S.—the representative "elder statesman" that only long experience produces.

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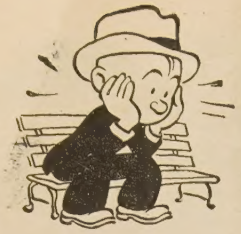

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